

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A driver for inserting cannulated screws has a tool portion, e.g., in the form of a hex wrench that slips into the cannula of the screw. A tapered threaded tip on the tool extends beyond the front tip of the screw. An abutment surface provided, e.g., by the tool holder acts as a limit to rearward motion of the screw when it is being screwed into a substrate such as bone. The threaded tip of the tool cuts the bone to allow the threads of the cannulated screw to follow into the substrate permitting use of a softer material, such as a bioabsorbable material for the screw.